

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1 (currently amended). A hose assembly consisting of:

a tubular first layer comprising a polymeric fluorocarbon material resistant to chemical and heat degradation;

one aramid-like braided layer capable of passing a volumetric test and whip test, said braided layer disposed substantially continuously about said inner layer; and

jacket means extruded substantially continuously about said braided layer and extending beyond said braided layer, said jacket means being extruded over said braided layer such that said extruded jacket maintains said braided layer in place between said first layer and said jacket.

2 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 1, further characterized by said braided layer comprising Aramid fibers.

3 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 2, wherein said braided layer further includes glass fibers commingled with said Aramid fibers.

4-5 (canceled).

6 (previously presented). The hose assembly according to claim 2, wherein said polymeric material of said jacket is a polyamide material.

7 (previously presented). The hose assembly according to claim 2, wherein said polymeric material of said jacket is a polymeric fluorocarbon.

8 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 6, wherein said polyamide material of said jacket is unexpanded.

9 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 8, wherein said polyamide material of said jacket is selected from the group consisting essentially of: nylon 6; nylon 6, 6; nylon 11; and nylon 12.

10 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 5, wherein said polymeric fluorocarbon material of said first layer is expanded.

11 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 10, wherein said polymeric fluorocarbon material of said first layer is selected from the group consisting essentially of: polytetrafluorethylene; perfluorinated ethylene-propylene; perfluoralkoxy fluorocarbon resin; and polyfluorethylene.

12 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 1, wherein said first layer further includes a conductive means in said first layer for conducting electrical charges along the length of the first layer.

13 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 1, wherein said hose assembly further includes a conductive layer containing therein conductive means for conducting electrical charges along the length of said hose assembly.

14 (original). The hose assembly according to claim 12 or 13, wherein said conductive means is carbon black.

15 (canceled).

16 (currently amended). A method of making a hose assembly, the method consisting of by:
forming a tubular first layer formed of a polymeric fluorocarbon;
disposing an Aramid-like braid substantially continuously about the first layer; and
extruding a jacket substantially continuously over the braid extending beyond the braid
such that the jacket maintains the braid in place between the jacket and the tubular first layer.

17 (original). The method according to claim 12, wherein said forming step further includes extruding the tubular first layer.

18 (canceled).

19 (currently amended). A hose assembly consisting of:
a tubular first layer comprising a polymeric fluorocarbon material resistant to chemical and heat degradation;
~~at least~~ one braided layer capable of passing a volumetric test and whip test, said braided layer disposed substantially continuously about said inner layer; and
a jacket substantially continuously extruded over said braided layer and extending beyond said braided layer, said jacket being extruded such that said extruded jacket ~~between said first layer and said jacket~~ maintains said braided layer in place between said first layer and said jacket.